



2004-2006 Conger-Gabel Teaching Professors Named

A committee comprised of the current Conger-Gabel Teaching Professors in the KU English Department has selected Professors **Kathryn Conrad**, **Jim Hartman**, and **Tom Lorenz** to succeed them during the period 2004-2006. Because of lower interest rates due to the weakened economy, only three professors could be named for this next cycle. Professors **Giselle Anatol**, **David Bergeron**, **Amy Devitt**, and **Paul Lim** were appointed the inaugural Conger-Gabel Teaching Professors in 2001. The professorships take their name from donors **Wren Gabel** and **Esther Conger Gabel** of Rochester, NY. Esther Conger Gabel received her B.A. in English from KU in 1931.



Publications

Haas, Tasha

"nightgown" (story). *South Dakota Review*, Winter 2004.

Presentations

Conrad, Kathryn

"Queering Community: The Heterosexism of Mainstream Northern Irish Political Discourse," invited workshop series, "Troubling the Troubles: Re-reading Northern Ireland," Institute of Governance, Queen's University, Belfast, 2-3 April.

Yacher, Nancy

"Metaphor and Myth as Icon: Explorations in English Lit at a Secular University," 7th C. S. Lewis and the Inklings Conference, 1-2 April, Letourneau University. (Nancy also chaired a session and was elected to the executive board of the society.)

Announcements, Notes, & News

• The printed copy of the April MLA *Job Information List* has arrived and been placed in its usual location on top of the filing cabinet to the right as you enter 3116 Wescoe.

• The **James Tiptree, Jr. Literary Award Council** announced the winner of and "short list" for the Tiptree Prize this week. The prize is awarded annually to a work of science fiction or fantasy that expands and explores the concept of gender. *Fudoki*, by **Kij Johnson**, appears on the short list.

• Some of you may have taught KU English senior **Cody Marrs** in your classes. Cody was awarded a national Mellon fellowship this week. He has not yet decided where he will attend graduate school.

• **Peter Gopelrud** (B.A. 1971) has been named the new dean at Florida Coastal School of Law. He has been dean of the Drake University Law School in Des Moines, IA since 1998.

• **Kevin Helliker** (B.A. 1982) was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for explanatory reporting this week. Along with co-writer Thomas M.

Burton, Helliker won the prize for a series of articles on aneurysms, published in *The Wall Street Journal*.

• Alumna **Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg** will be among the readers at a 9 April reading, part of the 2004 Lawrence Poetry Series, 7:00 pm, Lawrence Arts Center.

• **Careers for English Majors:** A panel of English alumni will discuss the advantages of an English major in the job market, 7:00 pm, Room 200, **KU Edwards Campus**.

KU and Regional Events

• The Stephen Sondheim musical, *A Little Night Music*, will be performed by University Theatre, 16-17, 22-24 April, 7:30 pm, 18 April, 2:30 pm, Crafton-Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall.

Calendar

F 9 **EAT** presents "**Miss Julie**," by August Strindberg, 8:00 pm, Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire. Also 8:00 pm, 10 April, 2:30 pm, 10-11 April

M 12 **Advisory Committee Meeting**, 3:30 pm, 3132 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) teaching evaluations 2) paper feedback policy 3) DNB 4) hiring subcommittee report 5) spouse/partner voting policy

R 15 **CTE Award Event**, "Feminist Teaching: A Conversation," **Joy Ritchie**, English, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 2:00-3:00 pm, 3132 Wescoe. Faculty and students welcome.

British Seminar, "Shakespeare's Stamp," **Joseph Loewenstein**, English, Washington University, 3:30 pm, Spencer Research Library. A reception will follow.

The next **Voting Department Meeting** will be held on 20 April, 4:00 pm, 4076 Wescoe. Agenda: TBA

• **Early Modern Seminar**, “Giambattista Vico and Literature,” Antonio Melchor, Comparative Cultures, Eckerd College, 12 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

• **Poetics Seminar**, “Living with Dying: Latin American Poetry and AIDS,” Jill Kuhnheim, Spanish & Portuguese, 14 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

• **Ahmanson-Murphy Distinguished Professor Lecture**, “Medieval Physiognomy and Ethnic Identity,” Stephen Epstein, History, 12 April, 5:30 pm, Alderson Auditorium.

• **Humanities Lecture Series**, “The Future of Life,” E. O. Wilson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, environmentalist, biologist, entomologist, 15 April, 7:00 pm, Lied Center. Wilson will also speak at 10:00 am in the Summerfield Room of the Adams Alumni Center.

• **Collecting & Collections: Interdisciplinary Perspectives**, “Objective: Art and Preservation,” Tracy Hicks, Southern Methodist University, 13 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Panorama Room, Natural History Museum.

• **War, Peace and Diplomacy Seminar**, “A New Typology of Political Violence: Transcending the Westphalian-Clausewitzian Framework,” Philip A. Schrod, Political Science, 16 April, 4:00-5:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

• **Nature & Culture Seminar**, “Midwest Horse Sense: Toward an Environmental History of the Heartland,” 16 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Regionalist Room, Kansas Union.

Fellowships, Contests, Scholarships, Awards, Etc. (Posted)

• Nominations are being accepted for KU’s **J. Michael Young Academic Advisory Awards**. Nominations are available on both the graduate and undergraduate bulletin boards. Deadline: 12 April.

• An updated list of deadlines for various funding opportunities has been posted on the **HGDO Grant Alerts** bulletin board.